

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0068

**Title:** Submit cigarette tax increase for CHIP to vote

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** John Cobb

**Status:** As introduced

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Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2000 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2001 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	33,755	0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>(\$33,755)</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

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## Fiscal Analysis

### Secretary of State

1. For purposes of CI-75 and submitting HB0068 to the electorate, this issue is only one of many likely to be submitted. Therefore, the impact presented in the fiscal note is only for the “extra” (marginal) cost which would be incurred by the state in preparing a Voter Information Packet (VIP) for the specific issue contained in the proposed bill. The VIP circulation is 525,000.
2. HB0068 will require at least six pages of explanation to be printed in the VIP at .00236 cents per page for a total cost of \$7,434. ( $6 \times .00236 \times 525,000 = \$7,434$ ).
3. Although counties also will incur a cost for distribution of the VIP, funding will be distributed to the counties by the Secretary of State for this purpose. County cost is .008356 per page for a total of \$26,321. ( $6 \times .008356 \times 525,000 = \$26,321$ ).
4. Although the Secretary of State does not have a general fund budget, the cost of submitting these issues to the electorate will be supported with general fund.

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5. In the event the HB0068 surcharge is adopted, thereby generating the proposed state special revenue, the general fund would be reimbursed the \$33,755 cost of printing and distributing the VIP regarding this ballot issue. (\$7,434 Secretary of State printing and \$26,321 distribution costs borne by the counties).
6. The Secretary of State will maintain records of the marginal cost for each ballot issue and notify agencies of the general fund reimbursement due after the election. Each agency will receive a one-time-only transfer appropriation for this purpose.

**Secretary of State**

<u>Expenditures:</u>	FY2000
Operating Expenses	\$7,434
Transfer to Counties	<u>\$26,321</u>
TOTAL	\$33,755

Funding:

General Fund (01)	\$33,755
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TECHNICAL NOTES:

**Secretary of State**

1. Upon passage and approval of the HB0068 ballot issue by the electorate, the Secretary of State would bill DPHHS \$33,755 for its proportionate share of the VIP for its proportionate share of the distribution costs incurred by the counties to be paid from the new state special revenue created by approval.
2. If the ballot issue were not approved, the general fund appropriated in HB2 would bear the cost.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

CI -75: For HB0068 the mailing costs of the VIP and the extra item on the ballot would be marginal costs. Assuming six pages for this issue at .008356 per page distributed to 525,000 addresses, counties would incur a cost of \$26,321 in FY 2000. See the Technical Note below.

TECHNICAL NOTES in consideration of CI-75

1. The costs presented for the HB0068 ballot issue will be included in a comprehensive analysis of the planned electorate vote(s) prior to the end of the session, based on all ballot issues adopted by the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.
2. When considering the comprehensive costs of an electorate vote, any costs greater than \$194,203 which are distributed to the counties must be funded by the legislature (1-2-112, MCA).
3. For FY 2000, a statewide election would have a base cost of \$690,000 for the counties and \$46,987 for the state for total general fund of \$736,987. General fund will be appropriated in HB2 to the Secretary of State for this statewide base cost and all the cumulative per-ballot-issue marginal costs at the end of the session.
4. In FY 2001, a tax election would be combined with a general election and would, therefore, require only marginal costs for ballot issues.